

**Cornish Conservation Commission**  
**MINUTES Wednesday, January 24, 2024**

Meeting will be held at 7pm at the Town Offices (2nd FL.)  
488 Town House Road, Cornish

**Attending**

Members: Jody Schubert, Co-Chair; Linda Leone, Secretary; Reyer Jaarsma, Glenn Griffin

Alternate Members: Rickey Poor, Bob Taylor, Julie Foote, Robin Kilfeather-Mackey

Select Board Representative: John Hammond

**Absent:**

Corey Fitch, Member/Chair; Cindy Heath/Member

**There was no zoom option for the January 24, 2024 meeting.**

1. Call To Order/Jody. In Corey's absence, Jody called the meeting to order at 7pm.
2. Approve the [Draft CCC Minutes January 10, 2024 \(NRI Maps Meeting\)](#). Linda motioned and Glenn seconded approval of the draft minutes as distributed. The members voted unanimously in favor of the motion, and the draft minutes were approved.
3. Treasurer's Report (Robin). There was no report, but one will be available for our next meeting.
4. Subcommittee Reports: [Subcommittee](#)
  - a. Land Conservation Plan. No report.
  - b. Town Water Protection Plan: Jody noted that there has been a change in Endyne's pick up service and she posted notices through ConnectCornish and updated the appropriate notice locations.
  - c. Education Plan. Jody said she is waiting for the principal to approve the owl prowling walk tentatively scheduled for March. Rickey will write an article for the CCC Conservation Notes in February: *What is a Wildlife Corridor/Wildlife Habitat in Cornish*.
  - d. Land Monitoring. No report.
5. NRI Update: Maps Workshop January 10, 2024 ([Map Proposal from UVLT](#)) ([NRI Update Maps Working Document](#)). No further report at this time. Rickey commented that the Select Board should have no authority in signing the contract since the money is coming from the Commission Fund. This fund is managed solely by the CCC and only the CCC should be a signor.
6. CCC Website/Linda- nothing to report. Suggestions from CCC members are encouraged and welcome.
7. Other Business
  - a. Hooper Conservation. Rickey said that the Upper Valley Land Trust announced that the easement has been completed.
  - b. CCC Hats/Linda. [Hat Logo/Color Options](#). It was decided that the logo would be white in color and be the one with Cornish Conservation Commission arched above the tree; and the hat color would be emerald green. It is noted that if there is a more subtle green, a forest green, that would be preferable. Corey will make the final decisions on hat and logo colors depending on availability, and Linda will submit a draft order to the Ink Factory for pricing and availability.
  - c. Annual Agenda Items

- i. Finalize CCC award choice and plan gifts. Jody suggested we consider this at the next meeting - there are 3 potential nominees. The group may also consider not giving the award this year.
  - ii. Town Meeting Display Discussion/Decide on Topic. We will discuss it at the February 28, 2024 meeting.
  - iii. Edit/Approve CCC Draft Town Report Page (due to Heidi on Jan 26). [Draft 2023 Town Report Recap of CCC Activities](#), /Jody. The members suggested edits and approved the document including these edits and any final edits Corey may make. Linda will advise Corey.
  - iv. Warrant article/Linda: this was submitted to the Select Board, and they confirmed receipt.
  - v. Annual review of the Bylaws at 2/28 meeting. We will review the Bylaws at the February 28 meeting. Jody asked the group to come to the February meeting with suggestions.
- d. Reimbursements. There were none.
- e. National Grid Upgrade: John Hammond reported that the National Grid has announced an upgrade of the Wilder Dam to Walpole line - this will affect an area of 6 miles in Cornish. This will begin in 2025 and is due for completion in 2030. There will be more detail. John will bring his materials to the next meeting.
- f. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting on February 28, 2024:
  - i. Approval of payment of annual New Hampshire Association of Conservation Commission (NHACC) dues.
  - ii. Bylaws Review.
  - iii. Treasurer's Report.
- 8. The next Map Meeting: Wednesday, February 7 at 6 pm.
- 9. Next regular CCC Meeting: Wednesday, February 28, 2024
- 10. Adjournment. Reyer motioned that the meeting be adjourned; Glenn seconded the motion, and the motion was unanimously approved at 7:35pm.